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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

REFERENCE: A-6304

1. REFERENCE DESCRIBES THE INTERNATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE ON SUBJECT "THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD" BEING PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 26, 1976 UNDER JOINT SPONSORSHIP AMERICAN COUNCIL LEARNED SOCIETIES, AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION, AND SMITHSONIAN.

2. ON JULY X, 1975, CONFERENCE COORDINATOR ALLEN F. DAVIS OF AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION SENT LETTERS INVITING DR. B.D. NAG CHAUDHURI, OF J. NEHRU UNIVERSITY AND DR. M.S. SWAMINATHAN OF INDIAN COUNCIL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, TO PRESENT PAPERS AT CONFERENCE. NEITHER HAS RESPONDED, BUT NAG CHAUDHURI TOLD SMITHSONIAN DURING RECENT SUBCOMMISSION MEETING THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED INVITATION.

3. INDIAN EDUCATION AND SCIENCE MINISTER (WASHINGTON) INAM RAHMAN HAS UNDERTAKEN TO TRANSMIT NEW INVITATIONS
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EXPEDITIOUSLY THROUGH INDIAN CHANNELS. EARLIEST POSSIBLE

INDICATION NEEDED REGARDING INVITEES' PARTICIPATION
BECAUSE IF ALTERNATES MUST BE INVITED, THEY MUST HAVE TIME

TO PREPARE SCHOLARLY PAPERS.

4. CONFERENCE WILL SUPPORT TRAVEL, PER DIEM, AND AN
HONORARIUM OF DOLS 1,000. SMITHSONIAN DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE
USE OF EXCESS INDIAN RUPEES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. IF EMBASSY FEELS THAT IT IS NEEDED IN THIS CASE,
PLEASE TRANSMIT INVITATION THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

6. DR. DAVIS HAD ALSO INVITED DR. DWIJENDRA TRIPATHI,
DEAN OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, AHMEDABAD,
TO CHAIR CONFERENCE TRACK ON POLITICS AND SOCIETY. DR.
TRIPATHI HAS ALREADY AGREED TO APTICIPATE. KISSINGER

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